

# Controllability of linear and nonlinear systems. Orbit theorem (*Lecture 2*)

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1. *Searching for the Ox:*

Alone in the wilderness, lost in the jungle, the boy is searching, searching!  
The swelling waters, the far-away mountains, and the unending path;  
Exhausted and in despair, he knows not where to go,  
He only hears the evening cicadas singing in the maple-woods.

*Pu-ming, "The Ten Oxherding Pictures"*



## Reminder: Plan of the previous lecture

1. Examples of optimal control problems
2. Statements of the main problems of this course:
  - 2.1 controllability problem,
  - 2.2 optimal control problem.
3. Smooth manifolds and vector fields.

## Plan of this lecture

1. Lie groups, Lie algebras, and left-invariant optimal control problems
2. Controllability of linear systems
3. Local controllability of nonlinear systems
4. Statement of the Orbit theorem
5. Corollary of the Orbit theorem: Orbit and Lie algebra of the system.

## Lie groups

- A set  $G$  is called a *Lie group* if it is a smooth manifold endowed with a group structure such that the following mappings are smooth:

$$\begin{aligned}(g, h) &\mapsto gh, & G \times G &\rightarrow G, \\ g &\mapsto g^{-1}, & G &\rightarrow G.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\text{Id} \in G$  denote the identity element of the group  $G$ .

- Denote by  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  the set of all real  $n \times n$  matrices. The set

$$\text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{g \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \det g \neq 0\}$$

is obviously a Lie group w.r.t. the matrix product, it is called the *general linear group*.

- The main examples of Lie groups are *linear Lie groups*, i.e., closed subgroups of  $\text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

## Lie algebras

- A set  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called a *Lie algebra* if it is a vector space endowed with a binary operation  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  called *Lie bracket* that satisfies the following properties:
  - (1) bilinearity:  $[ax + by, z] = a[x, z] + b[y, z]$ ,  $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
  - (2) skew symmetry:  $[x, y] = -[y, x]$ ,  $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,
  - (3) Jacobi identity:  $[x, [y, z]] + [y, [z, x]] + [z, [x, y]] = 0$ ,  $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{g}$ .
- For any element  $g$  of a Lie group  $G$ , the mapping  $L_g : h \mapsto gh$ ,  $G \rightarrow G$ , is called the *left translation* by  $g$ . A vector field  $X \in \text{Vec}(G)$  is called *left-invariant* if it is preserved by left translations:  $(L_g)_*(X(h)) = X(gh)$ ,  $g, h \in G$ .
- Lie bracket of left-invariant vector fields is left-invariant. Thus left-invariant vector fields on a Lie group  $G$  form a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  called the *Lie algebra of the Lie group*  $G$ .
- There is a linear isomorphism  $\mathfrak{g} \cong T_{\text{Id}}G$ , which defines the structure of a Lie algebra on  $T_{\text{Id}}G$ . Thus the tangent space  $T_{\text{Id}}G$  is also called the Lie algebra of the Lie group  $G$ .

## Left-invariant vector fields and optimal control problems

- For a Lie group  $G$ , the tangent space is  $T_g G = (L_g)_* T_{\text{Id}} G$ ,  $g \in G$ .
- In the case of a linear Lie group  $G \subset \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $(L_g)_* A = gA$ ,  $g \in G$ ,  $A \in T_{\text{Id}} G$ .
- Thus *left-invariant* vector fields on a linear Lie group  $G$  have the form

$$V(g) = gA, \quad g \in G, \quad A \in T_{\text{Id}} G.$$

- A control system on a Lie group  $G$

$$\dot{g} = f(g, u), \quad g \in G, \quad u \in U,$$

is called *left-invariant* if its dynamics is preserved by left translations:

$$(L_h)_* f(g, u) = f(hg, u), \quad g, h \in G, \quad u \in U.$$

- An optimal control problem on  $G$  is called *left-invariant* if both its dynamics and the cost functional are preserved by left translations.
- If an optimal control problem is left-invariant on a Lie group, we can set  $g(0) = \text{Id}$ .

## Examples of Lie groups $G$ and their Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}$

- Denote the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \{A = (a_{ij}) \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}, i, j = 1, \dots, n\}$ .
- The general linear group:  $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \det A \neq 0\}$ ,  
its Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with Lie bracket  $[A, B] = AB - BA$ .
- The special linear group:  $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \det A = 1\}$ ,  
 $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \text{tr } A = 0\}$ .
- The special orthogonal group:  $SO(n) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid AA^T = \text{Id}, \det A = 1\}$ ,  
 $\mathfrak{so}(n) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid A + A^T = 0\}$ .
- The special Euclidean group:  
$$SE(n) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} Y & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)} \mid Y \in SO(n), b \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\} \subset GL(n+1),$$
  
$$\mathfrak{se}(n) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid A \in \mathfrak{so}(n), b \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\}.$$



## Controllability of linear systems: Cauchy's formula

*Linear control systems:*

$$\dot{x} = Ax + \sum_{i=1}^k u_i b_i = Ax + Bu, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u = (u_1, \dots, u_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

Find solutions by the variation of constants method:

$$x(t) = e^{At} C(t),$$

$$\dot{x} = Ae^{At} C + e^{At} \dot{C} = Ae^{At} C + Bu,$$

$$\dot{C}(t) = e^{-At} Bu(t), \quad \Rightarrow \quad C(t) = \int_0^t e^{-As} Bu(s) ds + C_0,$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} \left( \int_0^t e^{-As} Bu(s) ds + C_0 \right), \quad x(0) = C_0 = x_0,$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} \left( x_0 + \int_0^t e^{-As} Bu(s) ds \right) - \textit{Cauchy's formula} \text{ for linear systems}$$

## Kalman controllability test

A linear system is called *controllable* from a point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for time  $t_1 > 0$  (for time not greater than  $t_1$ ) if  $\mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1) = \mathbb{R}^n$  ( resp.  $\mathcal{A}_{x_0}(\leq t_1) = \mathbb{R}^n$ ).

### Theorem

Let  $t_1 > 0$  and  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . A linear system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$  is controllable from  $x_0$  for time  $t_1$  iff  $\text{span}(B, AB, \dots, A^{n-1}B) = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Proof of the Kalman test

- The mapping  $L^1 \ni u(\cdot) \mapsto x(t_1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is affine, thus its image  $\mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1)$  is an affine subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Rewrite the definition of controllability taking into account Cauchy's formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1) = \mathbb{R}^n &\Leftrightarrow \text{Im } e^{At_1} \left( x_0 + \int_0^{t_1} e^{-At} Bu(t) dt \right) = \mathbb{R}^n \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{Im } \int_0^{t_1} e^{-At} Bu(t) dt = \mathbb{R}^n.\end{aligned}$$

- **Necessity.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1) = \mathbb{R}^n$ , but  $\text{span}(B, AB, \dots, A^{n-1}B) \neq \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Then  $\exists 0 \neq p \in \mathbb{R}^{n*}$  s.t.  $pA^i B = 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ .
- By the Cayley–Hamilton theorem,  $A^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha_i A^i$  for some  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus

$$A^m = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \beta_i^m A^i, \quad \beta_i^m \in \mathbb{R}, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

## Proof of the Kalman test

- Consequently,

$$pA^m B = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \beta_i^m pA^i B = 0, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$pe^{-At} B = p \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-At)^m}{m!} B = 0,$$

and  $\text{Im} \int_0^{t_1} e^{-At} Bu(t) dt \neq \mathbb{R}^n$ , a contradiction.

- Necessity proved.

## Proof of the Kalman test

- *Sufficiency*. Let  $\text{span}(B, AB, \dots, A^{n-1}B) = \mathbb{R}^n$ , but  $\text{Im} \int_0^{t_1} e^{-At} Bu(t) dt \neq \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Then  $\exists 0 \neq p \in \mathbb{R}^{n*}$  s.t.

$$p \int_0^{t_1} e^{-At} Bu(t) dt = 0 \quad \forall u \in L^1([0, t_1], \mathbb{R}^k).$$

- Let  $e_1, \dots, e_k$  be the standard frame in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . For any  $\tau \in [0, t_1]$  and any  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , define the following controls:

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} e_i, & t \in [0, \tau], \\ 0, & t \in (\tau, t_1]. \end{cases}$$

- We have  $\int_0^{t_1} e^{-At} Bu(t) dt = \int_0^\tau e^{-At} b_i dt = \frac{\text{Id} - e^{-A\tau}}{A} b_i$ , thus  $p \frac{\text{Id} - e^{-A\tau}}{A} B = 0$ .
- We differentiate successively previous identity at  $\tau = 0$  and obtain  $pB = pAB = \dots = pA^{n-1}B = 0$ , a contradiction. □

## Final remarks on controllability of linear systems

- The control used in the proof of Kalman's controllability test is piecewise constant. Thus if Kalman's condition holds, then linear system is controllable for any time  $t_1 > 0$  with piecewise-constant controls.
- For linear systems, controllability for the class of admissible controls  $u(\cdot) \in L^1$  is equivalent to controllability for any class of admissible controls  $u(\cdot) \in L$  where  $L$  is a linear subspace of  $L^1$  containing piecewise constant functions.
- The following conditions are equivalent for a linear system:
  - the Kalman controllability condition
  - $\forall t_1 > 0 \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the system is controllable from  $x_0$  for time  $t_1$
  - $\forall t_1 > 0 \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the system is controllable from  $x_0$  for time not greater than  $t_1$
  - $\exists t_1 > 0 \exists x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such the linear system is controllable from  $x_0$  for time  $t_1$
  - $\exists t_1 > 0 \exists x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such the linear system is controllable from  $x_0$  for time not greater than  $t_1$ .
- In these cases a linear system is called *controllable*.

## Local controllability of nonlinear systems

- Nonlinear system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (1)$$

- A point  $(x_0, u_0) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times U$  is called an *equilibrium point* of system (1) if  $f(x_0, u_0) = 0$ . Let  $u_0 \in \text{int } U$ .
- *Linearisation* of system (1) at the equilibrium point  $(x_0, u_0)$ :

$$\dot{y} = Ay + Bv, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad (2)$$

$$A = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)}, \quad B = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)}.$$

### Theorem (Linearisation principle for controllability)

If linearisation (2) is controllable at an equilibrium point  $(x_0, u_0)$ , then for any  $t_1 > 0$  nonlinear system (1) is locally controllable at the point  $x_0$  for time  $t_1$ :

$$\forall t_1 > 0 \quad x_0 \in \text{int } \mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1).$$

## Proof of linearisation principle for controllability

- Fix any  $t_1 > 0$ .
- Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the standard frame in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Since linearisation is controllable, then

$$\forall i = 1, \dots, n \quad \exists v_i \in L^\infty([0, t_1], \mathbb{R}^m) : \quad y_{v_i}(0) = 0, \quad y_{v_i}(t_1) = e_i. \quad (3)$$

- Construct the following family of controls:

$$u(z, t) = u_0 + z_1 v_1(t) + \dots + z_n v_n(t), \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- Since  $u_0 \in \text{int } U$ , for sufficiently small  $|z|$  and any  $t \in [0, t_1]$ , the control  $u(z, t) \in U$ , thus it is admissible for the nonlinear system.
- Consider the corresponding family of trajectories of the nonlinear system:

$$x(z, t) = x_{u(z, \cdot)}(t), \quad x(z, 0) = x_0, \quad z \in B,$$

where  $B$  is a small open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  centred at the origin.



## Proof of linearisation principle for controllability

- Since

$$x(z, t_1) \in \mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1), \quad z \in B,$$

then the mapping

$$F: z \mapsto x(z, t_1), \quad B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

satisfies the inclusion

$$F(B) \subset \mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1).$$

- It remains to show that  $x_0 \in \text{int } F(B)$ . Define the matrix function

$$W(t) = \left. \frac{\partial x(z, t)}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0}.$$

- We show that  $\det W(t_1) = \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} \neq 0$ . This would imply that

$$x_0 = F(0) \in \text{int } F(B) \subset \mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1).$$

## Proof of linearisation principle for controllability

- Differentiating the identity  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = f(x, u(z, t))$  w.r.t.  $z$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_0, u_0)} \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \Big|_{(x_0, u_0)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0}$$

since  $u(0, t) \equiv u_0$  and  $x(0, t) \equiv x_0$ .

- Thus we get a matrix ODE  $\dot{W}(t) = AW(t) + B(v_1(t), \dots, v_n(t))$  with the initial condition  $W(0) = \frac{\partial x(z, 0)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} = \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} = 0$ .
- This matrix ODE means that columns of the matrix  $W(t)$  are solutions to the linearised system with the control  $v_i(t)$ . Since  $y_{v_i}(t_1) = e_i$ , we have  $W(t_1) = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ , so  $\det W(t_1) = 1 \neq 0$ .
- By the implicit function theorem, we have  $x_0 \in \text{int } F(B)$ , thus  $x_0 \in \text{int } \mathcal{A}_{x_0}(t_1)$ .  $\square$

## Example: Application of the linearisation principle for controllability

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= uf_1(x) + (1 - u)f_2(x), & x &= (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, & u &\in [0, 1], & (4) \\ f_1(x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, & f_2(x) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}.\end{aligned}$$

- $(x^0, u^0) = (0, \frac{1}{2})$  is an equilibrium point and  $u^0 \in \text{int}([0, 1])$ .
- The linearisation of system (4) at the equilibrium point  $(x^0, u^0)$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y} &= Ay + Bv, & y &\in \mathbb{R}^2, & v &\in \mathbb{R}, & (5) \\ A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & B &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

- Check Kalman's condition:  $\text{rank}(B, AB) = \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2$ , thus linear system (5) is controllable.
- So nonlinear system (4) is locally controllable at the point  $x^0$  for any time  $t_1 > 0$ .

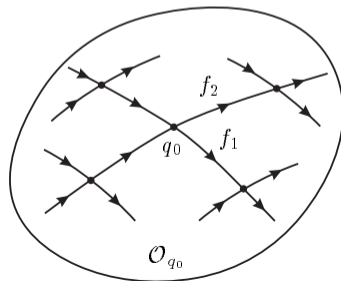
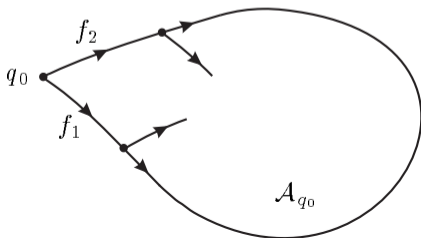
## Orbit of a control system

- A **control system** on a smooth manifold  $M$  is an arbitrary set of vector fields  $\mathcal{F} \subset \text{Vec}(M)$ .
- The **attainable set** of the system  $\mathcal{F}$  from a point  $q_0 \in M$ :

$$\mathcal{A}_{q_0} = \{e^{t_N f_N} \circ \dots \circ e^{t_1 f_1}(q_0) \mid t_i \geq 0, \quad f_i \in \mathcal{F}, \quad N \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

- The **orbit** of the system  $\mathcal{F}$  through the point  $q_0$ :

$$\mathcal{O}_{q_0} = \{e^{t_N f_N} \circ \dots \circ e^{t_1 f_1}(q_0) \mid t_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad f_i \in \mathcal{F}, \quad N \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$



## Basic properties of attainable sets and orbits

1.  $\mathcal{A}_{q_0} \subset \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ , obvious
2.  $\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$  has a “simpler” structure than  $\mathcal{A}_{q_0}$
3.  $\mathcal{A}_{q_0}$  has a “reasonable” structure inside  $\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ .

- A system  $\mathcal{F}$  is called *symmetric* if  $\mathcal{F} = -\mathcal{F}$ .

4.  $\mathcal{F} = -\mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{q_0} = \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ .

## Action of diffeomorphisms on tangent vectors and vector fields

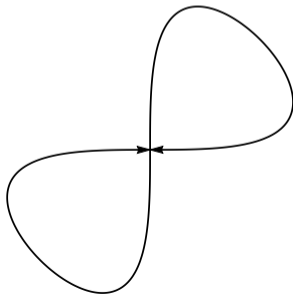
- Let  $V \in \text{Vec}(M)$ , and let  $\Phi: M \rightarrow N$  be a *diffeomorphism*, i.e., a smooth bijective mapping with a smooth inverse.
- The vector field  $\Phi_* V \in \text{Vec}(N)$  is defined as

$$\Phi_* V|_{\Phi(q)} = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \Phi \circ e^{tV}(q) = \Phi_{*q}(V(q)).$$

- Thus we have a mapping  $\Phi_* : \text{Vec}(M) \rightarrow \text{Vec}(N)$ , *push-forward of vector fields* from the manifold  $M$  to the manifold  $N$  under the action of the diffeomorphism  $\Phi$ .

## Immersed submanifolds

- A subset  $W$  of a smooth manifold  $M$  is called a  $k$ -dimensional *immersed submanifold* of  $M$  if there exists a  $k$ -dimensional manifold  $N$  and a smooth mapping  $F: N \rightarrow M$  such that:
  - $F$  is injective
  - $\text{Ker } F_{*q} = 0$  for any  $q \in N$
  - $W = F(N)$ .
- Example: Figure of eight is a 1-dimensional immersed submanifold of the 2-dimensional plane.



## Example: Irrational winding of the torus

- Torus  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / (2\pi \mathbb{Z}^2) = \{(x, y) \in S^1 \times S^1\}$
- Vector field  $V = p \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + q \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \in \text{Vec}(\mathbb{T}^2)$ ,  $p^2 + q^2 \neq 0$ .
- The orbit  $\mathcal{O}_0$  of  $V$  through the origin  $0 \in \mathbb{T}^2$  may have two different types:
  - (1)  $p/q \in \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Then  $\text{cl } \mathcal{O}_0 = \mathcal{O}_0$ .
  - (2)  $p/q \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\text{cl } \mathcal{O}_0 = \mathbb{T}^2$ . In this case the orbit  $\mathcal{O}_0$  is called the *irrational winding of the torus*.
- In the both cases the orbit  $\mathcal{O}_0$  is an immersed submanifold of the torus, but in the second case it is not embedded.
- So even for one vector field the orbit may be an immersed submanifold, but not an embedded one
- An immersed submanifold  $N = F(W) \subset M$  is called *embedded* if  $F : W \rightarrow N$  is a homeomorphism in the topology induced by the inclusion  $N \subset M$ . In case (2) the topology of the orbit induced by the inclusion  $\mathcal{O}_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is weaker than the topology of the orbit induced by the immersion  $t \mapsto e^{tV}(0)$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_0$ .



## The Orbit theorem

Theorem (*Orbit theorem*, Nagano–Sussmann)

Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset \text{Vec}(M)$ , and let  $q_0 \in M$ .

- (1) The orbit  $\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$  is a connected immersed submanifold of  $M$ .
- (2) For any  $q \in \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$

$$T_q \mathcal{O}_{q_0} = \text{span}(\mathcal{P}_* \mathcal{F})(q) = \text{span}\{(P_* V)(q) \mid P \in \mathcal{P}, V \in \mathcal{F}\},$$
$$\mathcal{P} = \{e^{t_N f_N} \circ \dots \circ e^{t_1 f_1} \mid t_i \in \mathbb{R}, f_i \in \mathcal{F}, N \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

## Corollary: Orbit and Lie algebra of the system

### Corollary

For any  $q_0 \in M$  and any  $q \in \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$  we have  $\text{Lie}_q(\mathcal{F}) \subset T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ , where

$$\text{Lie}_q(\mathcal{F}) = \text{span}\{[f_N, [\dots, [f_2, f_1] \dots]](q) \mid f_i \in \mathcal{F}, N \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset T_qM.$$

- *Proof.* Let  $q_0 \in M, q \in \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ .
- Take any  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\varphi(t) = e^{tf}(q) \in \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ , thus  $\dot{\varphi}(0) = f(q) \in T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{F}(q) \subset T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ .
- Further, take any  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\varphi(t) = e^{-tf_2} \circ e^{-tf_1} \circ e^{tf_2} \circ e^{tf_1}(q) \in \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ . Thus

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \varphi(\sqrt{t}) = [f_1, f_2](q) \in T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}.$$

It follows that  $[\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}](q) \subset T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ .

- We prove similarly that  $[[\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}], \mathcal{F}](q) \subset T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ , and by induction that  $\text{Lie}_q(\mathcal{F}) \subset T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$ . □

## Analytic and non-analytic cases

- In the analytic case the inclusion  $\text{Lie}_q(\mathcal{F}) \subset T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$  turns into an equality.

### Proposition

Let  $M$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be real-analytic. Then for any  $q_0 \in M$  and any  $q \in \mathcal{O}_{q_0}$

$$\text{Lie}_q(\mathcal{F}) = T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}.$$

- But in a smooth non-analytic case the inclusion  $\text{Lie}_q(\mathcal{F}) \subset T_q\mathcal{O}_{q_0}$  may become strict.
- Example: Orbit of non-analytic system.
  - let  $M = \mathbb{R}_{x,y}^2$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, f_2\}$ ,  $f_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ ,  $f_2 = a(x)\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ , where  $a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $a(x) = 0$  for  $x \leq 0$ ,  $a(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$ .
  - It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{O}_q = \mathbb{R}^2$  for any  $q = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - Although, for  $x \leq 0$  we have

$$\text{Lie}_q(\mathcal{F}) = \text{span}(f_1(q)) \neq T_q\mathcal{O}_q.$$